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PART A

SYNOPSIS

- 1. The purpose of this test was to compare metallurgical and physical properties and ballistic performance of 30/50 Mk 33 Mod O AA Projectiles having copper welded-overlay bands with the characteristics of standard Mk 33 Mod O projectiles having conventional bands.
- 2. It is concluded that:
- a. The copper welded-overlay projectiles showed slightly better band engraving than the standard projectiles when fired from a new gun at either proof or service pressure.
- b. In a worn gun, the standard projectiles showed slightly better band engraving than the overlay projectiles at service pressure, although both overlay and standard bands failed at proof pressure.
- 3. The cavity deformation under the band was somewhat greater for the overlay projectiles than for the standard projectiles when fired at both proof and service pressure from both new and worn guns.
- 4. The metallurgical and physical examination disclosed that the overlay bands had picked up 4.5% to 8.5% iron from the projectile during welding. This accounts for the hard spots that were found in the band hardness testing. It is believed that these hard spots (globules of steel) in the copper would increase gun wear.
- 5. Range firing of both copper welded-overlay and standard band projectiles produced approximately equal results when fired from both new and worn guns.
- 6. The bore and flight safety tests conducted on copper weldedoverlay projectiles fired from both new and worn guns produced satisfactory results.

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PART B

INTRODUCTION

1. AUTHORITY:

This program was authorized by reference (a).

2. REFERENCES:

- a. BUORD ltr Re3b-MAS:lad Ser 15371 of 25 Apr 1952 to NAVPROV
- b. BUORD Drawing No. 563840 of Std. 34/50 AA Mk 33 Mod O Projectile
- c. FoneCon BUORD (Re3b) with NAVPROV of 6 Aug 1952
- d. NPG Ranging Data Sheet No. 2661
- e. NPG Ranging Data Sheet No. 2662
- f. BUORD Restr ltr Re3b-MRH/MAS:mt S78-1(54) Ser 16746 of 15 Aug 1952

3. BACKGROUND:

The welded-overlay method of rotating band application has attracted considerable interest since its development was initiated by Frankford Arsenal. Briefly, it consists in applying an electric weld bead of band material to the periphery of the projectile, under an inert atmosphere, and machining the bead to the desired band contour. Its advantages include a considerable saving in band material, which would promote conservation of strategic metals, and the elimination of the band seat, which is a point of weakness, particularly in armor-piercing projectiles.

The welded-overlay method is not the only possible means by which a welded band may be applied to the projectile. Excellent results have been obtained on small samples subjected to pressure welding, and further investigation of such processes appears to be in order.

4. OBJECT OF TEST:

The object of this test was to compare metallurgical results, physical properties and ballistic performance of 3"/50 Mk 33 Mod 0 projectiles having copper welded-overlay bands with the properties of standard Mk 33 Mod 0 projectiles.

5. PERIOD OF TEST:

a. Date of Directive

b. Date Commenced Test

c. Date Test Completed

25 April 1952

13 May 1952

9 September 1952

PART C

DETAILS OF TEST

6. DESCRIPTION OF ITEMS UNDER TEST:

- a. 3"/50 AA Mk 33 Mod O projectiles, without band seats, having a deposition of unalloyed copper weld metal in the band position, and machined to the standard 3"/50 Mk 33 Mod O band contour, were supplied by the Youngstown Welding and Engineering Company.
- b. Standard 3"/50 Mk 33 Mod 0 projectiles manufactured by Lansdowns Steel and Iron Company were in accordance with reference (b).
- c. Standard projectiles used in the comparative ranging test with copper welded-overlay projectiles were manufactured by Mullins Company in accordance with reference (b), and stenciled Mk 33-0.

7. DESCRIPTION OF TEST EQUIPMENT:

a. The new gun used in this test was a 3m/50 Mk 21 Mod 0, Barrel No. 7418. This gun has conventional rifling of 0W03 constant depth, uniform twist 1/32. At the beginning of the test, this gun had 455 ESR and OW037 origin enlargement.

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b. The worn gun used in this test was a 3"/50 Mk 22 Mod 0, Barrel No. 8889. This gun has conventional rifling of 0V03 constant depth, uniform twist 1/32, and is identical with the Mk 21 Mod 0 except for external dimensions. At the beginning of the test, this gun had 2861 ESR and 0V115 origin enlargement.

8. PROCEDURE:

Eight (8) projectiles, four (4) with copper welded-overlay and four (4) with standard bands, were fired for recovery at service and proof pressure in the new 3"/50 gun. Eight (8) projectiles, four (4) with copper welded-overlay and four (4) with standard bands, were also fired at proof and service pressure in the worn The projectiles were fitted with flat nose plugs (Figure 17), and Epsom salt loaded to a total weight of 13 pounds. All projectiles were stenciled with Naval Proving Ground numbers to facilitate identification. A photograph of an unfired projectile is included as Figure 1. After-firing, photographs of each round appear as Figures 2 through 16. Measurements were taken of the cavity diameters and overall lengths before and after firing to determine the degree of deformation. Velocities, copper crusher gage pressures and spin measurements were taken. Spin was measured by the wire-impression method (Appendix (D)). All rounds were rubber crimped in the cases and three yaw cards were used to check the projectile flight.

Comparative range firings of Mk 33-0 projectiles with copper welded-overlay and standard rotating bands were also performed in both new and worn guns.

Mk 33-0 projectiles with welded-overlay bands were tested for bore and flight safety in both new and worn guns in accordance with reference (f).

Two (2) projectiles with copper welded-overlay and two (2) projectiles with standard copper bands were sectioned for metal-lurgical and physical testing. The projectiles were cut in half, ground and macro-etched, and microspecimens were taken from the band section. The hardness distribution on a longitudinal center section of each was determined, also complete hardness surveys were made on the deposited weld metal, the heat-affected base metal and the shell in general. Special attention was paid to the hardness of the overlay at the level of the bourrelet. This

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was indicative of the hardness encountered by the rifling of the gun barrel at the deepest region of engraving during firing. Rockwell (F) hardness readings were taken on the periphery of the overlays after machining to the normal band diameter. Drillings from the welded band were taken for chemical analysis. The Rockwell (F) scale was used for a general survey of the band, but the Diamond Pyramid Hardness scale (DPH) and Knoop Hardness Number were employed for the weld and surrounding region because of the importance of getting several readings within a small area.

For macrostudy, projectile sections were surface-ground, cleaned, and etched in ammonium persulfate solution. Microspecimens of the weld area were prepared in the normal manner and etched with nital, picral and ammonium hydroxide, plus hydrogen peroxide.

9. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION:

Complete before and after recovery firing data are given in Tables I and II (Appendix (A)). The results from the four (4) projectiles with copper welded-overlay and four (4) projectiles with standard bands fired from the new gun are reported in Table I. All rounds fired from this gun (See Table I, Appendix (A), for results) showed good flight to the recovery bin with only slight yaw, good spin, no fringing and uniform pressure and velocity. The recovered projectiles (Figure 2 to Figure 9, inclusive) indicate that the welded-overlay bands had slightly better engraving, and that the cavity deformation under the band was greater than recorded for the standard projectiles, although not so great as to be alarming. The increase in deformation under the band cavity of the welded-overlay can be attributed to the softening of the projectile wall from the heating and cooling during the welding process. It was noted that excessive body engraving appeared on the standard projectiles fired at proof pressure. The results from the four (4) projectiles with copper welded-overlay and four (4) with standard band fired from the worn gun are reported in Table II. All rounds fired from this gun (See Table II, Appendix (A), for results) showed slight yaw, no fringing, and uniform pressure and velocity. Good spin was noted on both overlay and standard projectiles fired at service pressure, although a decrease in spin was obtained with both types of projectiles when fired at proof pressure. The recovered projectiles (Figures 10 to 16, inclusive) indicate the standard projectiles have slightly better band engraving when fired at service pressure,

although both types of bands failed when fired at proof pressure. Cavity deformation under the band was again greater with the copper welded-overlay bands.

Comparative ranging data of Mk 33-0 projectiles with overlay and standard bands are reported in Tables II and IV, Appendix (A). It is noted that the range results are approximately equal for both types of bands when fired from both new and worn guns.

The bore and flight safety test data of 3"/50 welded-overlay projectiles fired in both a new and worn gun are reported in Table V, Appendix (A). Observation of the results reported indicate the welded-overlay projectiles tested for bore and flight safety proved satisfactory.

Metallurgical, chemical and physical tests conducted on the sectioned projectiles produced the following results: The welding rod used consisted of essentially unalloyed copper. An investigation of the chemical analysis of the band material after deposition revealed the existence of steel in various amounts entrapped in the copper band, as illustrated in Figure 18. Microscopic examination revealed the entrapped steel to be of a hard martensitic structure (Figure 19). This accounts for the hard spots that were found in the band during the hardness testing. It is believed these globules of steel will cause increased gun wear. Microscopic examination of the heat-affected base metal indicated the existence of a hard martensitic area (Figure 20) adjacent to the weld zone produced as a result of the welding process. This is further illustrated from a comparison of the hardness distribution on the longitudinal center sections (Figure 21 and Figure 22) of the copper welded-overlay and standard band. To complete the hardness data, a section consisting of deposited weld metal, the heataffected zone, and the shell body was surveyed with a Tukon Hardness Tester using a Knoop Indenter (See Figure 23 for results). A photomacrograph and a photomicrograph of an overlay crosssection (after machining) are shown in Figure 24. The fusion of the copper to the steel looked complete.

Further thought should be given to the possibility of heat --treating the shell after the band has been deposited. This method
could prove to be a most effective means of:

a. Decreasing the hardness of the entrapped steel globules in the deposited band material.

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- b. Avoiding the heat-affected zone caused by the welding process.
- c. Decreasing the band cavity deformation by eliminating the soft section of the projectile wall.

PART D

CONCLUSIONS

10. It is concluded that:

- a. The copper welded-overlay projectiles showed slightly better band engraving than the standard projectiles, when fired from a new gun at either proof or service pressure.
- b. In a worn gun, the standard projectiles showed slightly better band engraving than the overlay at service pressure, although both overlay and standard bands failed at proof pressure.
- c. The cavity deformation under the band was somewhat greater with the overlay projectiles than with the standard projectiles when fired at both proof and service pressure from both the new and worn guns.
- d. The metallurgical and physical examination disclosed that the overlay bands had picked up 4.5% to 8.5% of iron from the projectiles during welding. This accounts for the hard spots that were found in the band during hardness testing. It is believed that these hard spots (globules of steel) in the copper will cause increased gun wear.
- e. The bore and flight safety tests conducted on copper welded-overlay projectiles fired from both new and worn guns produced satisfactory results.
- f. Range firing of both copper welded-overlay and standard band projectiles produced approximately equal results when fired from both new and worn guns.

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TABLE I

REPORT AND AFTER FIRING DATA

Recovery Test of 3º/50 Mk 33-0 Projectiles With Standard and Welded Overlay Bands in Gun Mk 21-0 No. 7418

Proj.	Firing Order 6/27/52	Powder Charge (1bs.) SPOM 6192	Average Pressure (t.s.1.)	Muzzle Velocity (ft./sec.)	Percent Nominal Spin	Band	Deformation	Hardness on Band Periphery (HF)
Warming round LIK-1	#	4.05	15.2	2656		Std.		
1422	~	7.60	20.9	2932	8.86	Std.	006	\$
1423	4	7.60	19.8	2908	98.5	Std.	003	ፔ
1424	9	4.05	15.0	2680	6.86	Std.	003	77
1425	**	4.05	7-12-4	2680	7.86	Std.	005	69
1430	•	7.60	18.7	2934	98.8	Welded		35
1431	٠	7.60	19.7	2015	6*86	Welded	710	76
1432	~	4.05	15.1	2678	8-85	Welded	012	86
1433	6	4.05	14.7	2675	98.8	Welded	-0.016	83
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Gum Mk 21-C No. 7418 had 455 ENR and .037 bore unlargement at start of test. Slight yawing was noted on above projectiles.

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TABLE II

BEFORE AND AFTER FIRING DATA

Recovery Test of 3"/50 MK 33-0 Projectiles with Standard and Welded Overlay Bands in Gum MK 22 Mod O No. 8889

Hardness on Bend Periphery (RF)	R	r.	ц	ę R	78-90	91-102	%	83-88	
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Band	Std.	Std.	Std.	Std.	Welded	Welded	Welded	Welded	tart of te
Percent Nominal Spin	7.66	99.5	Not Recovered	92.7	99.3	97.5	82.9	77.0	rgement at s
Muzzlo Volocity (ft./sec.)	2671	5992	2943	6762	2692	2691	2957	2951	had 2861 MSR and .115 bore enlargement at start of test.
Average Pressure (t.s.1.)	14.1	13.2	20.5	19.8	14.6	13.9	7.02	19.0	d 2861 KSR and
Powder Charge (1bs.) SPDN 6195	7.30	4.30	08*7	4.80	% *30	4.20	7.80	7.80	
Firing Order 8/6/52	9	0 0	CV.	4	7	Φ.	m	w	3"/50 Gun Mk 22 Mod 0 No. 8889 One warming round fired.
Proj.	1426	1427	1428	1429	1434	34,35	7436	1437	3"/50 Gum

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Slight Iswing was noted on above projectiles.

One warming round fired.

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TABLE III

CONPARATIVE RANGING OF MK 33-0. PROJECTILES WITH COPPER WELDED-OVERLAY ROTATING BANDS

Summary of Results of Ranging of Mk 33-0 A. A. Projectiles with Copper Welded-overlay Rotating Bands fired on 12 and 13 June 1952 and reported in detail on Navel Proving Ground Ranging Data Shests Nos. 2661 and 2662

Rounds before test: 137. ESR: 1922 Ano .088 ESR: 1922.CO Gun Data: 3"/50 Mk 21 Mod O Serial No. 12888 olded-overlay Rotating Bands k 33-0 Ganary Brothers fix 33-0 Mullins Company Powder Index SPDN-6192 Regular Projectiles 4.05 1bs. Projectiles: Propellant: Elevation:

Corrected D/R (S)	1.12 0.35 0.45 0.45 0.45 0.21	0.25
1 Uncorrected D/R (%)	1.000000 1.808.648	0.42
Corrected Range (yds.)	10265*115 10141*36 10335*40 10253*46 10278*47 10230*44	10195#25
Uncorrected Drift (yds.)	81±17 88±5 105±9 113±10 96±4 104±4	106*6
Uncorrected Range (rds.)	10412*116 10320*39 10426*52 10359*50 10362*45 1034445	10303±43
Mussle Velocity (ft./sec.)	2643±3 2658±4 2656±1 2654±3 2654±3 2654±3	2662#5
Projectile Type	Standard Welded Standard Telded Standard Felded	welded
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TABLE IV

CONPARATIVE RANGING OF ME 33-0 PROJECTILES WITH COPPER WELDED-OVERLAY ROTATING BANDS

Summary of Results of Ranging of Mk 33-0 A. A. Projectiles with Copper "elded-overlay Rotating Bands fired on 15 July 1952 and reported in detail on Hawal Proving Ground Ranging Data Sheet No. 2674

Gun Data: 3"/50 Mk 22 Mod 0 Serial	Rounds before test: 18 ESR: 2820 \$\infty\$ 120 ESR: 2820	in the second se
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15º	4.05 lbs.	Regular Projectiles Mk 33-0 Ganary Brothers Folded-overlay Rotating Bands
Elevation:	Projectiles:	

Corrected D/R (£)	0,0	30.0	3	0.61	6°,39	0.55	0,21	0,25
Uncorrected (D/R (%)	0.37	2.68	98.0	0.63	0.27	0.67	C-33	0.32
Corrected Range (yds.)	10394*42	10210465	10330487	10188*62	10356±30	10257456	10315#22	10244*26
Uncorrected Drift (rds.)	3745	3546	2545	25#3	7#6	30 1 62	77.	22#2
Uncorrected Range (yds.)	10462*38	10273±70	10397492	10254*65	10410+28	10297*69	10361+34	10298*33
Mussle Volocity (ft./sec.)	2635*2	2631#3	2638#7	2633±1	2631±2	2626±5	2628±5	2630#5
Projectile Type	Standard	Wolded	Standerd	Welded	Stendard	Welded	Standard	Welded
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TABLE V

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Results of Bore and Flight Safety Tests of MK 33-0 AA Projectiles with Copper Welded-Overlay Rotating Bands fired on 6 September 1952

3"/50 Mk 21 Mod 0 No. 5546\Do C!O54 FSR 479 Dummy Nose Plug Fuze: Gun : SPDN 6191 (various charge weights copper welded-overlay bands. to maintain proof pressure) Mk 33 Mod O Comp. A-3 loaded with special Projectiles: Propellant:

New Gun

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Range of Impact	94.95 9674 9827	10052 10124 9064	9207 9293 9293 9146	9273 9293 9204 9204	
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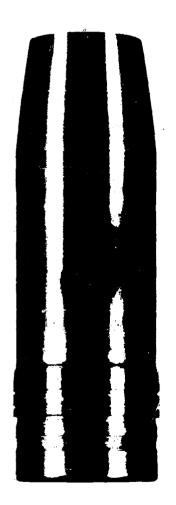
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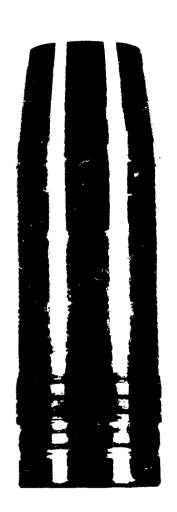
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Fuze: Dummy Nose Plug	3"/50 Mk 22 Mod 3 No. 16218 △ Do 09089	BSR 9263
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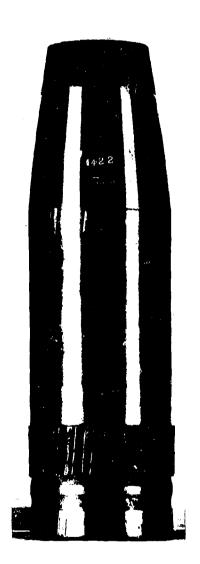
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Range of Impact	94.76 76.96	9458 9711 9557	2986 2696 2776	9567 9852 9782	9431 10052 9295 9654	9636 9616 9906 9787	
Time of Flight (Sec.)	21.55	22.22	4.4.4.4 4.4.4.4.4.4.4.4.4.4.4.4.4.4.4.4	21.23 21.33	8 6 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 9 8 8	12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 1	~
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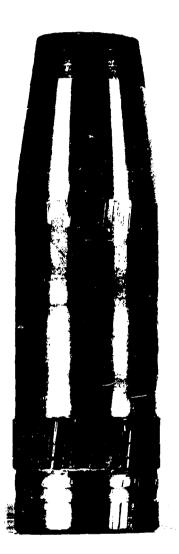


Photograph of 3"/50 AA Mk 33 Mod O projectiles, with standard copier band (left) and copper welded overlay band (right), before firing.

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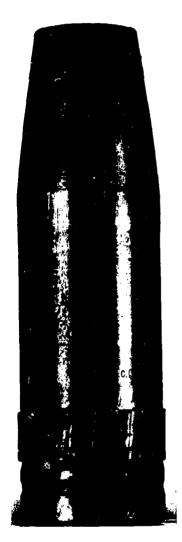


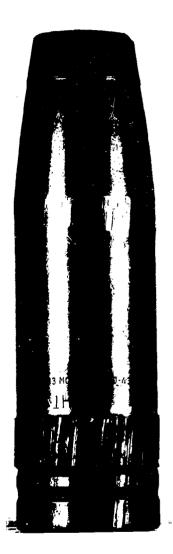




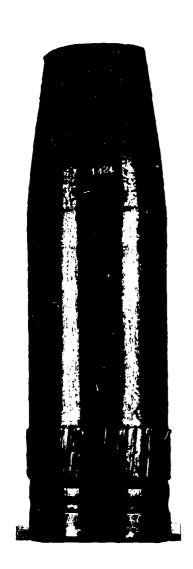
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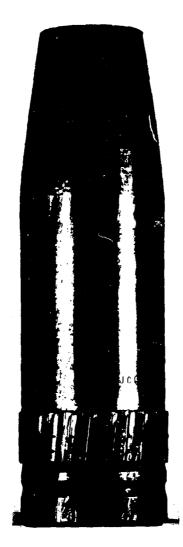


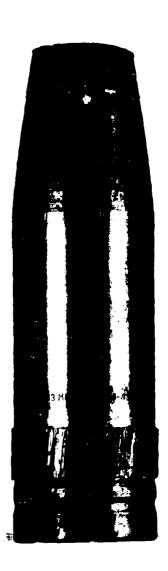




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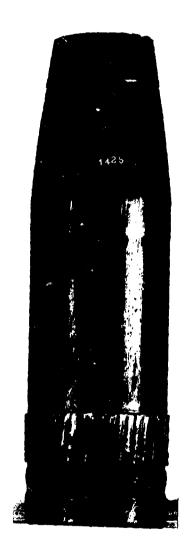


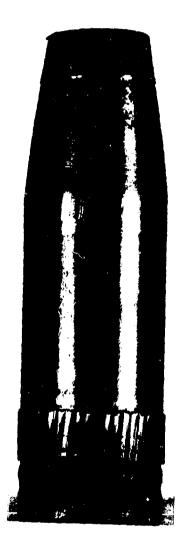


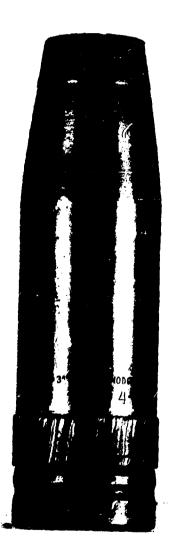


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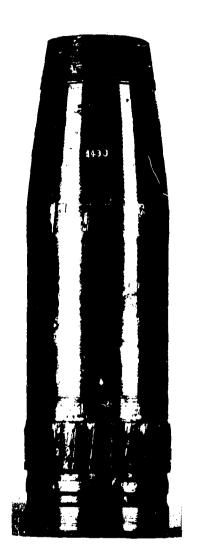


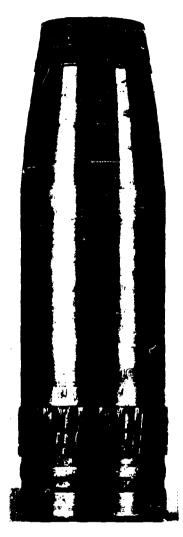
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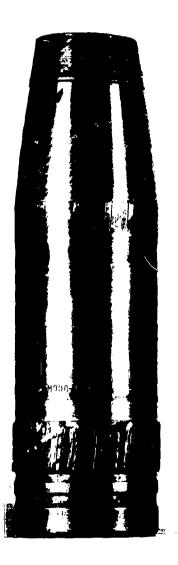
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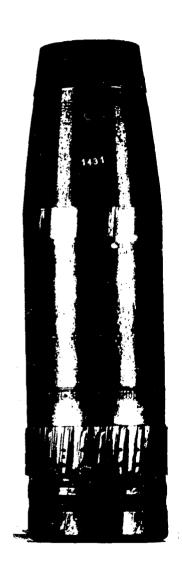
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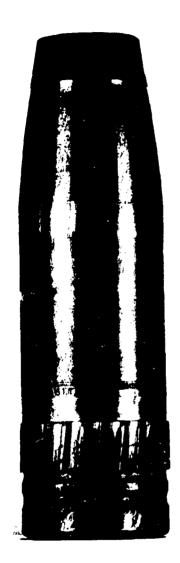


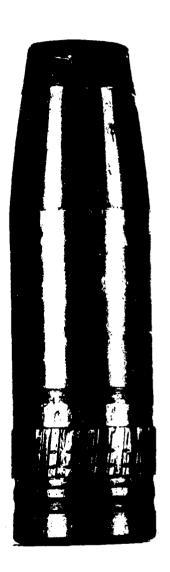




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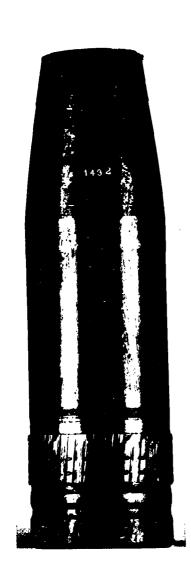


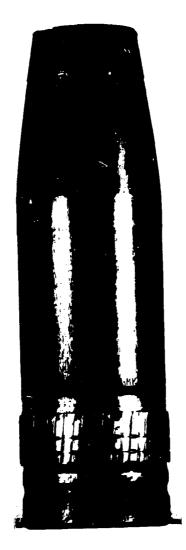
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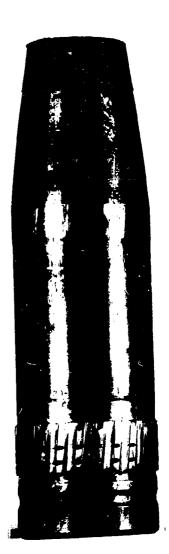
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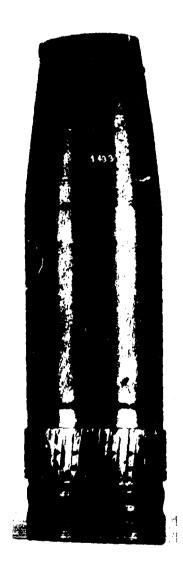
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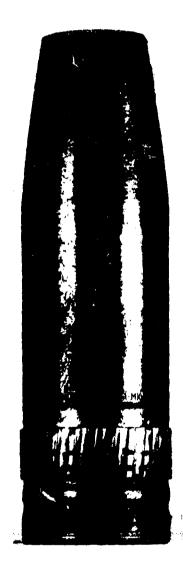


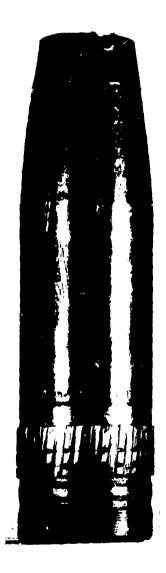




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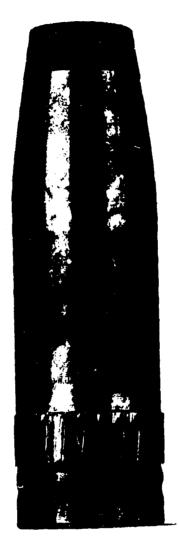


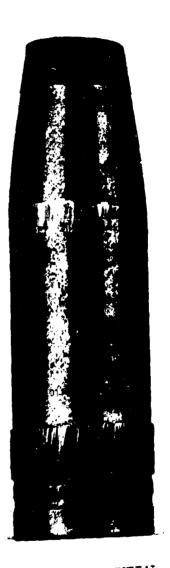


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Thre views (120° apart) of recovered 3"/50 AA Mk 33 Nod 0 pro. tile with welded overlay band. Projectile No. 1433. Figure 9



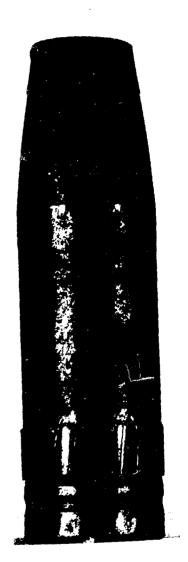




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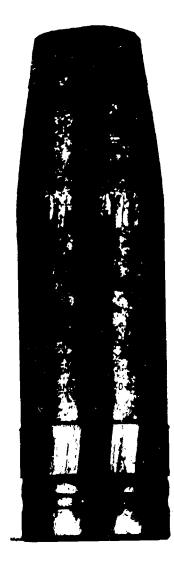






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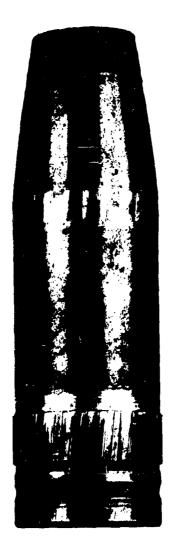


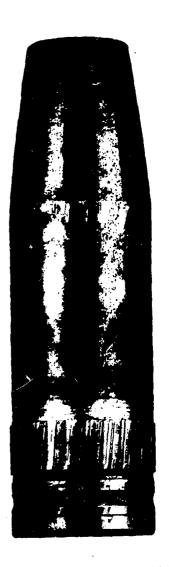




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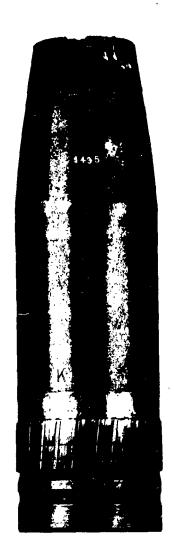






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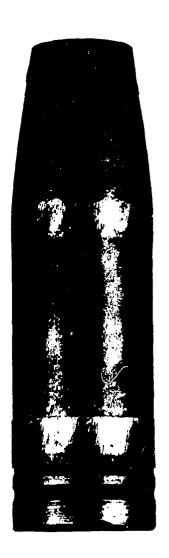


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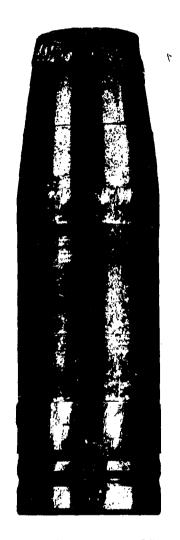
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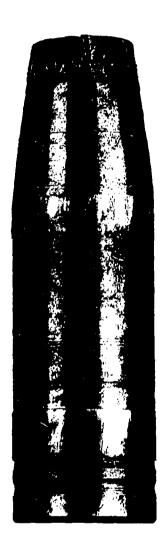
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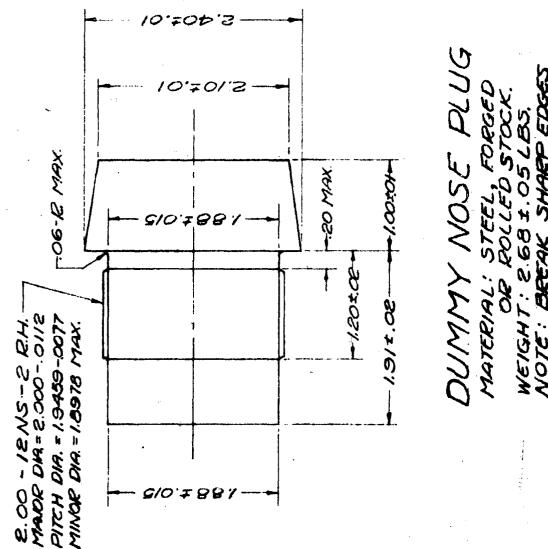
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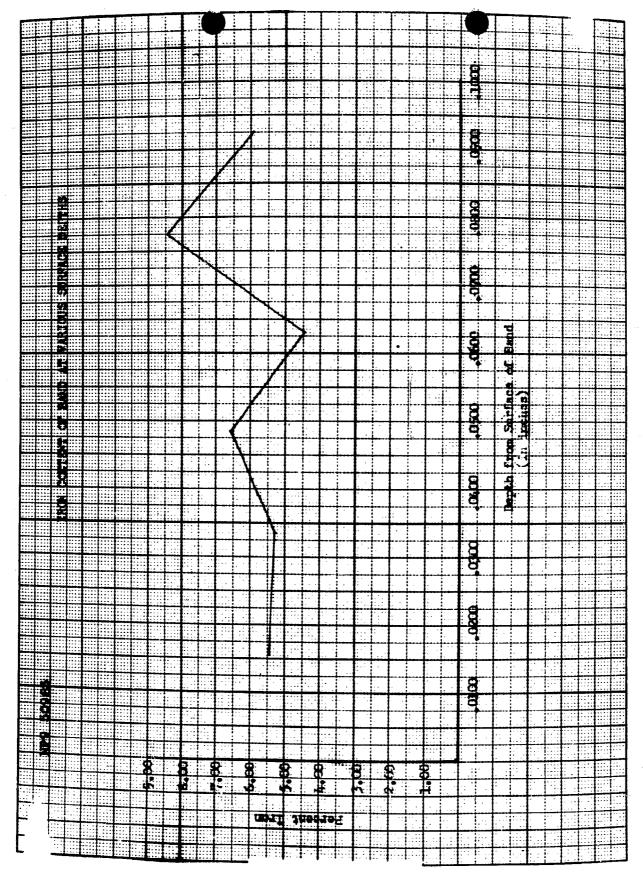


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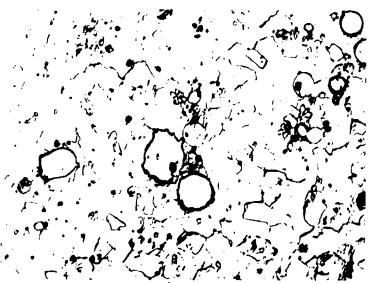


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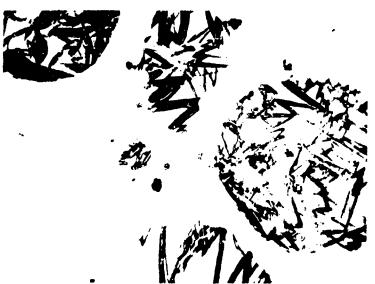
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Pigure 18



(A) Structure of deposited copper weld metal, note globules of entrapped steel, NHLOH + H2O2 etch - 500 X Mag.



(B) Hard martensitic structure of entrapped steel. Nital Etch 1000 X Mag.

NF9-50985 Microstructure of deposited weld metal.

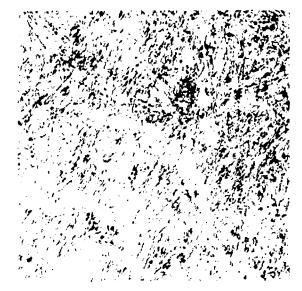
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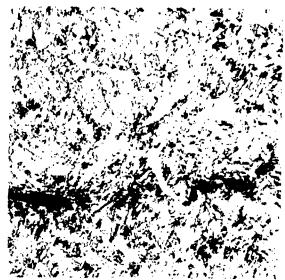
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(A) Weld Zone (47 R_c)



(B) Heat Affected Zone (37 R_c)



(C) Center of Shell (23 R_c)

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"As welded" copper overlay on 3"/50 AA Shell. Photomicrographs 1000X Nital Etch.

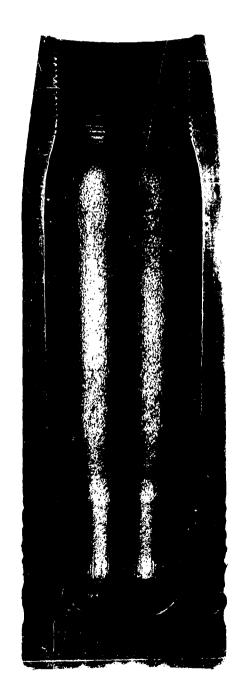
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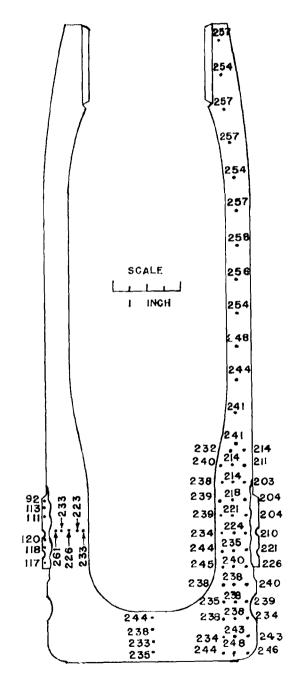
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HARDNESS DISTRIBUTION AND MACROSECTION OF 3"50 AA MK 33 MOD O PROJECTILE WITH WELDED COPPER OVERLAY BAND

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Etch: Ammonium Persulfate
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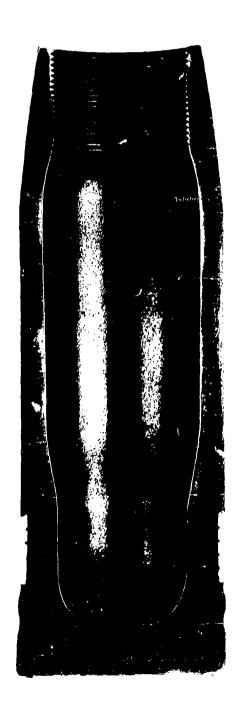
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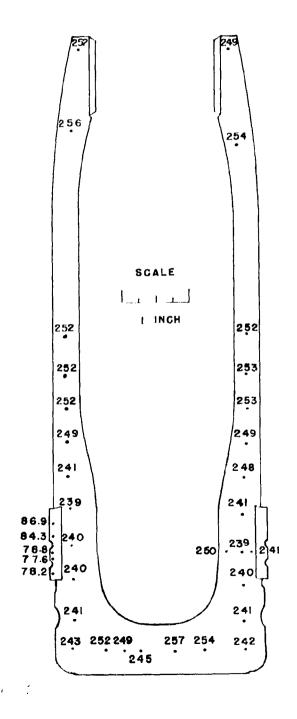
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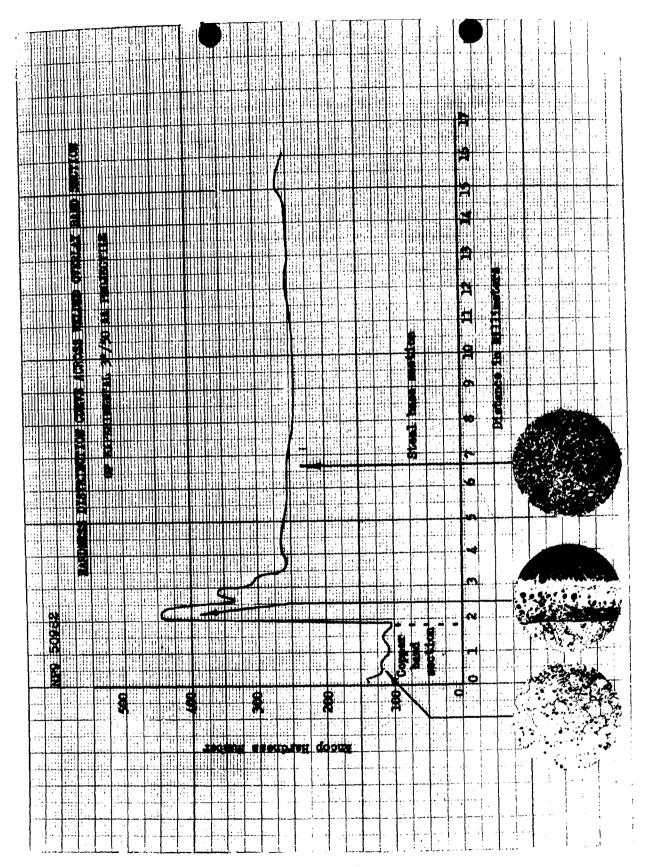
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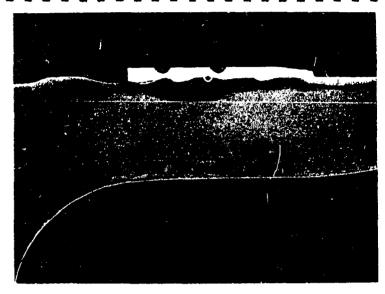
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(A) Photomacrograph of cross section of shell in vicinity of the band. Magnification 2X Persulfate etch (0) indicate the position of photomicrograph below.



(B) Structures related to weld metal, weld zone and heat-affected zone. 100% Nital Etch.

NP9-50988 Photomacro and micrograph of cross section of welded overlay band.

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Wire Impression Method of Determining Spin

Two screens are set up 4105 apart, each screen consisting of a metal frame with wood inserts, holding an array of parallel equidistant vertical copper wires. The spacing of the wires is 1/20 for the first screen and 3/40 for the second. The projectile is fitted with a flat-nosed dummy nose plug or the equivalent, so that after passing through the screens it bears two sets of impressions of the wires. The angle between the two sets of impressions is measured and from this measurement the rifling of the gun, the muzzle velocity, and the velocity at the spin screens, is computed the percentage of nominal spin. It is assumed that over the short distances involved the spin retardation is negligible.

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